

Veterinary Hospital

Herrick Archives Number H 119

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Veterinary Hospital" by Board of Trustees on March 1, 1892.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Old Veterinary Hospital

Agricultural Engineering Building

Old Veterinary Clinic

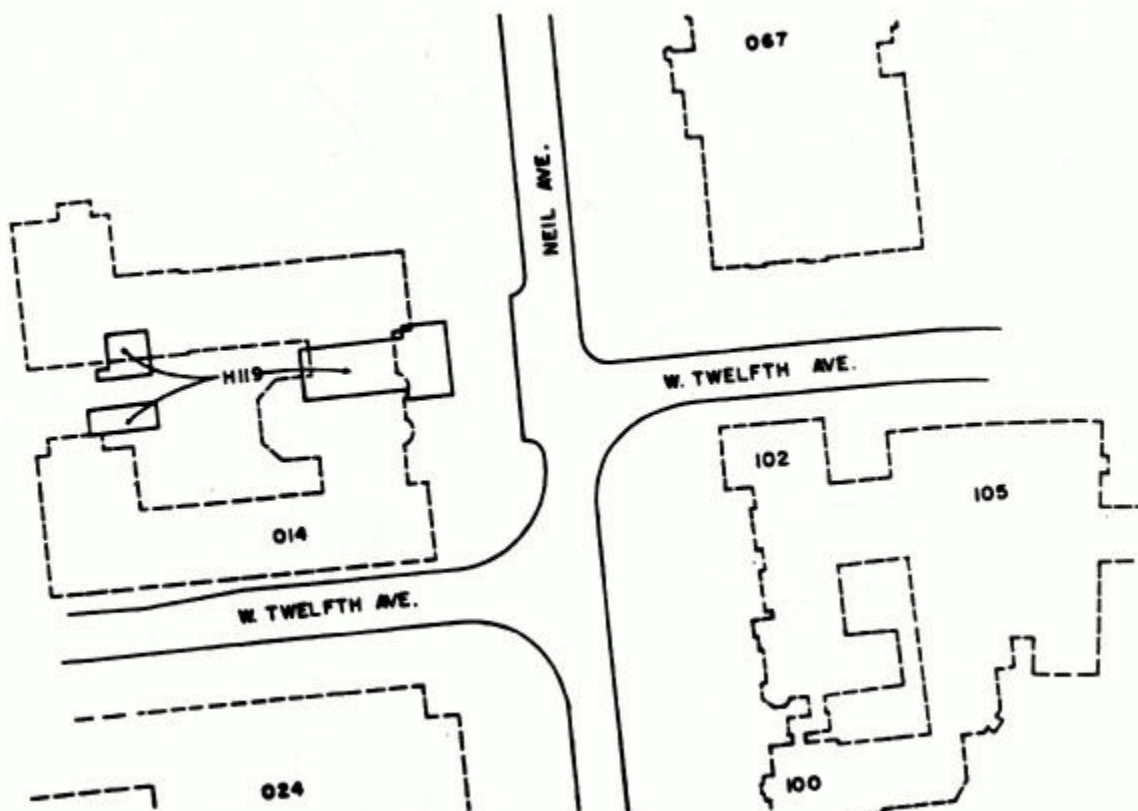
Farm Mechanics Lab

Old Veterinary Building

Tool Shed

2. Location

2.1 Located at 1735 Neil Avenue (arbitrarily assigned for indexing purposes.) See map below.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Wood interior with common brick exterior (McC 1:8A)

3.2 No. of stories:

Picture (McC 1:98) shows basement and two stories

3.3 Increments of construction;

The record of additions to this building is clouded in many respects.

The following information has been gleaned:

3.3.1 Original construction included A and B, and possibly B', in the sketch below.



3.3.2 On March 3, 1891 the Board of Trustees authorized construction of a building for the treatment of animals having contagious diseases, the cost not to exceed \$75. McCracken (1:103) says this isolation ward was built west of the hospital and used until the hospital was abandoned. It would appear that this is C in the sketch. See photograph X 13943.

3.3.3 McCracken (1:6A and 8A) lists a "post-mortem" building of 675 square feet erected in 1892 at a cost of \$560. Part C' in the sketch appears to fit McCracken's description including the heating by a coal stove. See Photograph X 2399. However, this hypothesis is untenable because Photograph X 7147, taken when Townshend (087) was under construction, contracts for which were not awarded until September 1896. Another possibility is that B' was the post-mortem building. Whether or not this latter hypothesis is sound remains in doubt.

3.3.4 On September 1, 1893 the Board of Trustees authorized the moving of "the barn near the dormitories" to the rear of the veterinary hospital" for use as a dissecting room. This is perhaps shown west of the North Dorm (H 108) in Photograph X 2360. Its new location is not known with certainty, but D in the sketch is suggested on the basis of Photograph X 2359.

3.3.5 On September 25, 1901 the Board of Trustees appropriated \$290 for the erection of a shed to be used as a mortuary where autopsies could be performed. The location of this shed has not been determined but C" and B' are possibilities.

3.3.6 The Lantern on September 13, 1910 summarizing changes during the summer stated that "An addition has been built in the rear of the old Veterinary Clinic and the whole building remodeled to be used for agricultural engineering." McCracken (2:198) reports this story without comment. No record of any addition has been found in Board of Trustees minutes, the Centennial History, the Agricultural Student, and no map or photograph has been found

showing this addition.

3.4 Size of building:

McCracken (1:8A) states that the original building had a floor area of 4950 sq. ft. and a volume of 64,950 cu. ft. There were 7 rooms.

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On June 23, 1890 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by F.W. Fay and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.
2. No record of bidding, contract award, or name of contractor has been found.
3. Completion and occupancy:

Completed in the spring of 1891 (McC 1:98).

C. COST

\$50,000 (McC 1:98)

D. DEMOLITION

1. The building was still standing in March 1912 (Agricultural Student 18:413), but the razing was completed by May 1912 (Ibid., 534).
2. McCracken (2:286) states that the building was razed July 18, 1908, but this is clearly an error. Later (4:14A) he reports that the building was razed "about 1913." Apparently this was based on memory, and off by one year.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2359	X 7147
X 2360	X 13943
X 2946	

2. Other

McC 1:98

F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The veterinary hospital ward moved to H 206 in February 1910 (L February 2, 1910), and H 119 was then remodeled for agricultural engineering (R 1910-11:76).

For the years including June 30, 1910 to June 30, 1911 the Business Office lists the building as "Farm Mechanics building" (B).

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